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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 12 as set out in the following listing of the claims. This claim listing supersedes and replaces all prior claim listings.

1. (Original) A recording apparatus for recording digital data to a record medium that is removable and assigned unique medium identification information, comprising:

converting means for converting data to be recorded into a file structure that allows a first file format and a second file format to be used, the first file format being handled by computer software and composed of a reference information storing portion and a real data storing portion, the second file format being composed of only a reference information storing portion; and

recording means for recording data having the file structure to the record medium, wherein reference file information and medium identification information of the record medium or information of which the medium identification information has been converted are recorded to at least the reference information storing portion of a file having the second file format.

2. (Original) A recording apparatus for recording digital data to a record medium that is removable and assigned unique medium identification information in a file structure that allows a first file format and a second file format to be used, the first file format being handled by computer software and composed of a reference information storing portion and a real data storing portion, the second file format being composed of only a reference information storing portion,

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wherein when a file that is read from a record medium is edited and the edited result is stored to the record medium in the second file format, unique medium identification information of the record medium is read and the medium identification information or information of which the medium identification information has been converted and reference file information are recorded to the reference information storing portion along with the edited result.

3. (Previously Presented) The recording apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the digital data is video data and/or audio data.

4. (Original) The recording apparatus as set forth in claim 3, wherein the video data and/or audio data is data that has been compression-encoded.

5. (Previously Presented) The recording apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the record medium is a rewritable disc.

6. (Previously Presented) The recording apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the record medium is a memory card.

7. (Previously Presented) The recording apparatus as set forth in claim 2, wherein the file is edited on a personal computer and the edited result is recorded to the record medium by the personal computer.

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8. (Original) A recording method for recoding digital data to a record medium that is removable and assigned unique medium identification information, comprising the steps of:

converting data to be recorded into a file structure that allows a first file format and a second file format to be used, the first file format being handled by computer software and composed of a reference information storing portion and a real data storing portion, the second file format being composed of only a reference information storing portion; and

recording data having the file structure to the record medium,

wherein reference file information and medium identification information of the record medium or information of which the medium identification information has been converted are recorded to at least the reference information storing portion of a file having the second file format.

9. (Original) A recording method for recording digital data to a record medium that is removable and assigned unique medium identification information in a file structure that allows a first file format and a second file format to be used, the first file format being handled by computer software and composed of a reference information storing portion and a real data storing portion, the second file format being composed of only a reference information storing portion, comprising the steps of:

when a file that is read from a record medium is edited and the edited result is stored to the record medium in the second file format, reading unique medium identification information of the record medium; and

recording the medium identification information or information of which the medium

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identification information has been converted and reference file information to the reference information storing portion along with the edited result.

10. (Original) A reproducing apparatus for reproducing digital data from a record medium that is removable and assigned unique medium identification information, the digital data having a file structure that allows a first file format and a second file format to be used, the first file format being handled by computer software and composed of a reference information storing portion and a real data storing portion, the second file format being composed of only a reference information storing portion, reference file information and medium identification information of the record medium or information of which the medium identification information has been converted being recorded to at least the reference information storing portion of a file having the second file format, comprising:

means for determining the file format of data that is read from the record medium and for reproducing the data when the file format of the data that has been read is the first file format;

means for reading the reference file identification information and the medium identification information or the information of which the medium identification information has been converted from the reference information storing portion when the file format of the data that has been read is the second file format;

means for reading the medium identification information or the information of which the medium identification information has been converted and the reference file information from the record medium; and

means for determining whether or not the medium identification information or the information of which the medium identification information has been converted recorded in the

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reference information storing portion matches the medium identification information or the information of which the medium identification information has been converted recorded on the record medium and for reading a file designated by the reference file information and reproducing the file when they match.

11. (Original) A reproducing method for reproducing digital data from a record medium that is removable and assigned unique medium identification information, the digital data having a file structure that allows a first file format and a second file format to be used, the first file format being handled by computer software and composed of a reference information storing portion and a real data storing portion, the second file format being composed of only a reference information storing portion, reference file information and medium identification information of the record medium or information of which the medium identification information has been converted being recorded to at least the reference information storing portion of a file having the second file format, comprising the steps of:

determining the file format of data that is read from the record medium and for reproducing the data when the file format of the data that has been read is the first file format;

reading the reference file identification information and the medium identification information or the information of which the medium identification information has been converted from the reference information storing portion when the file format of the data that has been read is the second file format;

reading the medium identification information or the information of which the medium identification information has been converted and the reference file information from the record medium; and determining whether or not the medium identification information or the

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information of which the medium identification information has been converted recorded in the reference information storing portion matches the medium identification information or the information of which the medium identification information has been converted recorded on the record medium and for reading a file designated by the reference file information and reproducing the file when they match.

12. (Currently amended) A computer readable record medium on which encoded with digital data—has—been—recorded; the record medium being removable and assigned unique medium identification information, the digital data having a file structure that allows a enabling the use by a computer of first file format and a second file format formats to be used, the first file format being handled by computer software and composed of having a reference information storing portion and a real data storing portion, the second file format being composed of having only a reference information storing portion, the reference information storing portion of the second file format storing reference file information and medium identification information of the record medium or information of which the converted medium identification information has been converted being recorded to at least the reference information storing portion of a file having the second file format.

13. (Previously Presented) The recording apparatus as set forth in claim 2, wherein the digital data is video data and/or audio data.

14. (Previously Presented) The recording apparatus as set forth in claim 13, wherein the video data and/or audio data is data that has been compression-encoded.

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15. (Previously Presented) The recording apparatus as set forth in claim 2, wherein,  
the record medium is a rewritable disc.

16. (Previously Presented) The recording apparatus as set forth in claim 2, wherein,  
the record medium is a memory card.